

Interpretive

Programs...

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Too cold to go outside, Then the craft room has all the fun you need! Whether you just want a simple bracelet to take back to the room, or something a little more complex. Drop on by or check the activities schedule by the main desk and start planning a fun filled day!



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

Programs designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages!

Check this and all of your favorite state park interpretive schedules at:

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Saturday November 4

- 10:00am **Tamaracks are Turning Hike.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve wetlands to see these deciduous conifers as they turn to their smoky gold of autumn. FW
- 3:00pm **Geocaching Jaunt.** Join us for a scavenger hunt with a techno twist! Learn how to use a GPS unit, then find your own hidden stash. Meet at the Nature Center Front Deck Great family fun! BB



Sunday November 5

- 8:30am **Junco Jaunt!** By this date, Pokagon is overrun with juncos, or snowbirds, for the winter as they move in from the north. Will we see some this morning? Find out by joining us for our traditional Sunday morning walk. Bring your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet out on the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Join us! BB
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of amazement! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! DH

Wednesday November 8

- 2:30pm **Mercury Transit of the Sun.** A rare astronomical event takes place today and we will be watching it at Pokagon. Beginning at 2:15pm and lasting until sunset, the planet Mercury will be passing in front of the sun. Only with special optics, for protection and magnification, will you be able to see it. Some members of the Astronomical Society of Hillsdale County will be on hand to provide that! We will first gather on the Nature Center Front Lawn to view it. As the sun retreats below the trees, we may move to another location for further viewing. In case of clouds and for program status, call the park Nature Center at 260-833-2012 before 4pm, or the Potawatomi Inn at 260-833-1077 a

More Programs on the Back!

Nature Center School Season Hours:

1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Wed-Fri.

10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Weekends & Holidays

The Nature Center will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, through the Winter months.



Interpretive Programs and other park events... cont'd

Saturday November 11

- 9:00am **A Long Dam Hike near Hell!** Meet at the Spring Shelter in the campgrounds for a 2 hour plus jaunt towards Hell's Point, then onwards to our new Trail 9. Trail 9 is a hilly, winding trail that passes some recently discovered CCC dam work. Parking available at Spring Shelter for those driving from the
- 2:00pm **Pokagon in the Winter Jeopardy!** Come into the Nature Center Auditorium and test your Pokagon winter trivia! Prizes for those that know their Pokagon facts! We'll explore the winter landscape and some of the winter fun we are known for. BB

Sunday November 12

- 8:30am **Waterfowl Watch.** This morning, we'll be searching first for migrating ducks and geese, then heading to the woodlands and marshlands for other late autumn birds. Bring binoculars if you have some, or borrow a pairs of ours, and join us in the Inn by the fish tank and coffee machines for this 1-½ hour walk. FW
- 1:00pm to 5:00pm **Deer Data and Reduction Open House.** Monday and Tuesday will be our first of two, 2-day deer hunts, to reduce the park's population. An open house is scheduled for the hunt participants to come in and get information and pick their spots. The general public is also invited in to ask questions about deer biology and deer management. It all takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium.



Monday November 13 and Tuesday November 14

Indiana State Parks Controlled Deer Hunt. Starting Sunday at 5pm until Tuesday at 5pm, the park will be closed as we conduct a special hunt to prevent deer numbers from becoming too large and degrading park resources. In the last 11 years we have conducted 8 such limited, 2-day hunts. Park habitats have improved tremendously as has the health of park deer. For a brochure on this management practice, ask the

Saturday November 18

- 10:00am **Late Fall Wetlands.** Gather at the Inn Lobby by the front desk. We'll then take off on a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and investigate the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw and those around the two bridges of Trail 3. We'll be back within an hour. BB
- 2:00pm **Just a Few Furs.** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short "show 'n' tell" type session on a few of the mammals that call Pokagon home. We'll have some study skins and pelts to get the "real feel" on these critters. Join us! DH

Sunday November 19

- 8:30am **Waterfowl Watch II.** Grab your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet inside the Inn Sun Deck (by the coffee machines!) for our traditional Sunday morning hike. We'll check out the nearby lakes and wetlands for some ducks, loons, and grebes that are moving in for the winter or just passing through. We'll be out for an hour or a little more. BB
- Afternoon **Pokagon Winter Seasonal Employee Training Session.** Need a part-time job this winter?... Have some weekend time free?... Enjoy working outside?.... Contact our park office soon!

Thursday November 23

Happy Thanksgiving! Nature Center will be closed today.

Friday November 24

Pokagon Toboggan Run opens today at 10am!!!

visit www.tobogganrun.com for more information.

- 9:00am **Toboggan History Hike.** Imagine careening around curves and avoiding trees... not so hard to believe if you were tobogganing with the early boys of the CCC! Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short hike up the toboggan track. We'll be discussing the early history of the track as well as its popularity today. The hike will end at the top of the track for those wanting to get in line for the 10am opening. BE
- 2:00pm **Pokagon Toboggan Jeopardy!** Slide on over to the Pokagon Nature Center Auditorium for a look at the Pokagon Toboggan past and present! We'll explore its history and its neat facts in this fun game. Big prizes awarded for the toboggan know-



Saturday November 25

- 9:00am **Walk Off the Turkey Trek...** on new Trail 8! Work off that big Thanksgiving meal by joini the park interpreter at the Spring Shelter from where we'll take off for a 1-½ mile trek, taking us out and over our new Trail #8. It will be a new discovery for most of us! Water bottle recommended. Parking available above the Spring Shelter for those driving from the Inn. FW
- 2:00pm **Pine Cone Feeders** – Feed the birds from your tent, camper, or home using this easy to make pine cone feeder. A make it-take-it program! A fun project for all ages. BB

Sunday November 26

- 8:30am **Fresh Air Jaunt.** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning journey looking for Pokagon wildlife in the fresh early morning air. We'll be out for about an hour and a half. Get up and join us! BB

